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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 31, 2003, Applicants hereby request entry of the following election.

Election

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-19), drawn to a cell display assay for obtaining a nucleic acid encoding a protein binding domain, as classified in class 435, subclasses 6 and 7.1, with traverse.

Applicants further elect, for examination purposes only, the following species:

- (a) a proteinaceous binding domain that is an antibody heavy chain; and
- (b) a target material that is human neutrophil elastase.